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Secretary - General Stikker, in three-day visit Washington February 5-7, held meeting with President. Secretary and Under Secretary McNamara. Dillon, other key US officials. Quadripartite Ambassadorial group and NATO Standing Group. Conversations covered wide variety subjects, but dealt mainly with principal purpose of visit, NATO nuclear questions. Full Memoranda of conversations being prepared and will be pouched USRO.

1. NATO Nuclear Questions: Stikker was given fairly full rundown current US thinking and we believe has good appreciation US views. For his part, he expressed complete satisfaction with direction current US thinking. Stikker said positive US approach necessary to success of exercise and it is vitally necessary that exercise succeed. Stikker said that NAC, once having opened up this range of sensitive and difficult questions, must pursue subject to successful conclusion.

Generally agreed that Stikker would proceed along course he has set for NATO discussions. First step would be: (A) US guarantees regarding maintenance nuclear weapons for defense of NATO and coverage of targets threatening NATO; and (B) US effort to provide more information to our allies on targeting and other nuclear matters, designed to reinforce European assurance that US prepared defend Europe. Also agreed that Stikker would further pursue efforts to increase conventional capability of alliance, using tactic of stressing specific actions required to bring about forward strategy. Political directive and strategic concept would be left aside and not at this time be opened, although US made clear view, that, after facts

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of overall strategic situation had been made clear and NATO discussions progressed further, might well be possible and desirable to change political directives. Political directive would, in effect, "rewrite itself". MRBM's also discussed and generally agreed that targets, both tactical and strategic, should be covered and that they must in some measure be covered by missiles in European area. Multilateral "Ottawa force" should be used for this purpose. US did not, however, agree MRBM requirements, as set forth in MC/26/4.

2. Berlin: Various aspects Berlin problem discussed. Stikker stressed importance fullest possible consultation with alliance on discussions with Soviets, stressing that this necessary to insure alliance support for build-up and countermeasures. Agreed that Berlin situation remains dangerous and that continued efforts for military build-up essential.

4. NATO-Tripartite Berlin planning: Stikker discussed with quadripartite Ambassadorial Group some of problems to be anticipated when this subject introduced in NAC (Separate message follows).

5. Aid to Greece and Turkey: Stikker laid special stress on importance adequate aid to Greece and Turkey from point of view of maintaining solidarity of alliance.

6. Discussion of Punta Del Este OAS meeting in NAC: Secretary proposed to Stikker early full NAC discussion recent OAS meeting Punta del Este, and possibility high level Department official presenting US views to NAC. (see separate message). US presentation, currently under preparation, will cover not only analysis of OAS meeting, but also possibility NATO countries aligning their policies with OAS system.

7. Balance of Payments Problems: Secretary Dillion gave Stikker fairly full but generalized account of recent arrangements worked out between US and Germans and stressed importance US endeavor obtain relief on balance of payments generally. Urged that US-German arrangements

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arrangements not be described to others at present in view German d
desire avoid spreading information before further completion
UK-German discussions same subject.

8. Soviet oil penetration: Stikker described at some length
difficulties with Italians and compromise he is now working out
with them. We informed Stikker his compromise appears satisfactory,
provided reporting on Soviet oil is not delayed.

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